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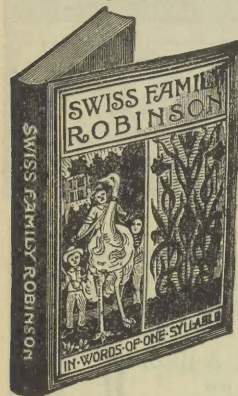
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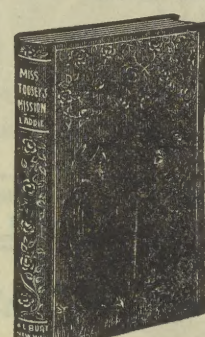
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The Christmas Rose.

It has always been a mystery to me why so many flowers which are not roses, which do not bear any resemblance to that blossom and do not even belong to the same family, are called by that name. Thus we have the Rose of Sharon, which is not a rose but an *Althaea*; the so-called Japanese Rose is a *Kerria*; the Rose of Jericho, sometimes called Resurrection Plant, is about as far from being a rose as possible; the Rose of China is a *Hibiscus* as is also the Rose Mallow; the Guelder Rose is the Snowball; Rose of Heaven is a name given to the *Agrostemma*; and the Christmas Rose is *Helleborus niger*, a member of the *Ranunculus* or Crowfoot family. Under whatever name it passes, however, the Christmas Rose is a beautiful and interesting flower which would be admired at any time, but coming as it does in the dead of winter is doubly appreciated.

The leaves of the Christmas Rose are dark green, thick, leathery and practically evergreen. They grow to be about one foot in height and their rich, dark color and beautiful shape make them ornamental in summer as well as in winter. The flower stalks spring directly from the root and bear one or two blossoms each, which measure from two to three inches across. The buds are a delicate pink on the outside when they first appear, but the flowers, when fully open, are pure white, changing to a pale green as they grow older and remaining a long time on the stem. The blossoms are very interesting. The parts of the flower which would seem to be the petals are really sepals and the true

petals are small, in conspicuous, tubular green bodies, which, with a large number of stamens, are inserted on the receptacle below the clustered pistils.

The contrast of the pure white blossoms with the handsome, dark green foliage is very beautiful. The flowers are fine for cutting; if the stems are partially split up the blossoms will last much longer, and if kept in a cool place their beauty will be still further prolonged, sometimes lasting two or three weeks. A well-established plant will send up a number of flower stalks in succession.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to the time of blooming of the Christmas Rose, or else it varies greatly in different places in nearly the same latitude. Some authorities speak of it as rarely blooming at Christmas unless it be given particular care and attention. Others say that it

blooms in early spring. Gray's Field, Forest and Garden Botany says that 'it is called the Christmas Rose because flowering in warmer parts of England in winter,' and describes it as blooming in this country in "earliest spring." I have sometimes thought that American writers followed the descriptions of the plant given in English books instead of writing from their own knowledge. If they investigated, perhaps they would find the flowers in blossom under the snow. Here in Rochester and vicinity the plant begins to bloom in October (sometimes even in September) and continues to flower until the next spring. If this is a habit peculiar to Rochester Christmas Roses alone, we ought to be greatly obliged to our plants for blossoming so early, and thus giving us a chance to enjoy them before the snow comes,



CHRISTMAS ROSE.

It is, however, a delightful and unique experience to brush away the snow, or even sometimes dig away a quantity of it in mid-winter and find the sturdy buds and flowers fresh and bright. I have picked them when the stems and leaves were brittle with frost and the flowers glistening with snow crystals, and carried them into the house where they came out fresh from their icy covering and lasted a week or two. If there is a little sunshine for a day or two at Christmas time, enough to melt away the snow, these cheerful flowers are sure to make their appearance; and think of the pleasure of going out in the winter and picking fresh flowers in this latitude. The stems of blossoms in October are quite tall, sometimes eight or ten inches in height. In winter they make but low growth, sometimes only just appearing above

the surface of the ground.

The blossoms of the Christmas Rose are sometimes injured in appearance by splashes of earth and other marks, mostly the effects of the weather. A thin mulching of moss or similar material will protect the blossoms from injury, or old window sash put over the bed on supports raised above the plants, will serve the same purpose. I have recently found a small purplish-black aphid on the flowers, and think that possibly it causes the purple blotches which sometimes mar the blossoms. If this is the case, it should not be difficult to find a remedy.

The culture of the Christmas Rose is not difficult. The plants will thrive in common garden soil, but will do best in rich loam mixed with coarse sand, with a top dressing of well-rotted manure. They grow most luxuriantly under trees which furnish a partial shade. When once well established they should not be disturbed for several years. They should always have plenty of water, especially when making their growth after flowering, for if the foliage dries up few flower buds are formed. A supply of weak liquid manure can be given occasionally, with a mulch of good manure immediately after flowering is over.

Propagation is effected by root division. The owner of the finest bed I have ever seen says that she divides the plants every three years, beginning as early in the spring as it is possible to work in the garden. The roots separate readily, so it is no trouble to divide them. The plants increase quite rapidly under proper conditions. The bed in question was in full bloom the last of October, with hundreds of blossoms showing and innumerable stems of buds peering from the ground. The fortunate possessor of such a bed is certainly to be congratulated, if not envied.

Florence Beckwith.

Winter.

In rigorous hours, when down the iron lane
The red breast looks in vain
For hips and haws,
Lo, shining flowers upon my window-pane
The silver pencil of the winter draws.

When all the snowy hill
And the bare woods are still;
When snipes are silent in the frozen bogs,
And all the garden earth is whelmed in mire,
Lo, by the hearth, the laughter of the logs—
More fair than roses, lo, the flowers of fire.

Robert Louis Stevenson.

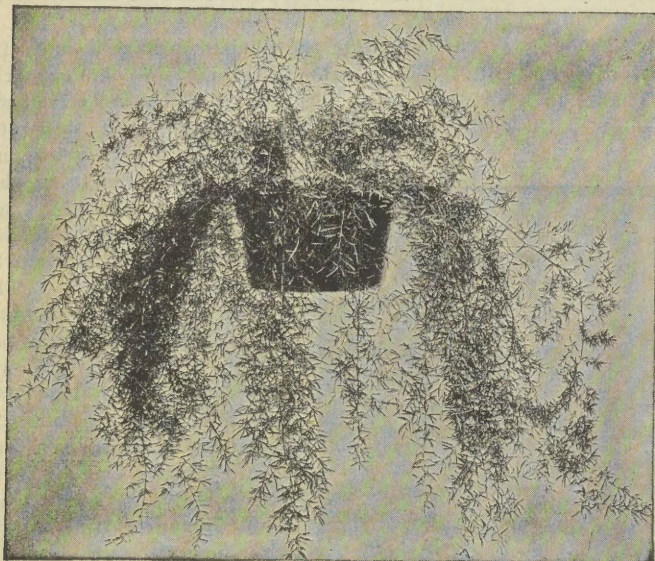
Novel Ways of Arranging Asparagus Plants.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The three varieties of *Asparagus*, *plumosus nanus*, *tenuissimus*, and *Sprengeri*, lend themselves to many charming decorative effects in the amateur florist's home in winter. In fact there is something so graceful about these plants that they seem to deserve an artistic arrangement. They are all very beautiful, though entirely different; but in *Asparagus plumosus nanus* Nature seems to have given us a bit of her finest lace work,—and has even pressed it too.

Their requirements are simple, but good light is one of them, consequently a situation as far away from the window as a palm would heroically endure will not answer for them. They are especially adapted to a north or east window, and if well grown and arranged in somewhat the following way, will beautify any room. If only I can succeed in picturing to you the desirability of such an arrangement, I am sure many who have a suitable window at their disposal will try these suggestions, and with pleasing results:

First, draw back the lace curtains and raise the shade, as you are to have something prettier in



ASPARAGUS SPRENGERI.

their place. For the upper part of the window have two brackets made, which match the woodwork, extending out about fifteen inches with a hook in the end. Bird-cage hooks or anything else that will answer the purpose may be used if they reach out far enough from the window. That is the important point. Fasten one of these on each side of the window at the top. Have two plants of *Asparagus Sprengeri* growing in some kind of hanging basket (I use two quart tin pails because of their lightness; and cover them either with bark or the southern Spanish moss) and attach these by wire to the hooks. Let them hang to about the middle of upper sash. Run an invisible wire loosely across between the hooks, and as the long feathery sprays of the *Asparagus* become plentiful, drape some of them carelessly up over the wire. This same arrangement may be used in a south or west window, (as this variety likes sunshine,) even where it is filled with blooming plants, as it takes up no space which could be otherwise utilized, and yet adds to the attractiveness of any window.

For the lower part of our window the foundation should be a round stand as wide as the window. On this place a box six inches wide and made to fit the inside half of the stand. The outside should be nicely finished to match the woodwork of the room; the inside lined with zinc, with

a hole and stopper at one end to let off surplus water. To insure perfect drainage put in a thick layer of charcoal and over that enough moss to keep the soil from sifting through. Fill with good fibrous potting soil enriched with bone meal, and set in five or six plants of *Asparagus tenuissimus*, or half of them may be *Asparagus plumosus*, as that is also naturally a climber.

String fine invisible wires from the box up to the connecting wire at top of window. When the plants begin to climb you will soon have a feathery, dainty screen of green which will far excel any lace curtain and be much more cheerful to look through. If preferred each plant may be grown in a pot and the pots stood in the box (or of course the box may be dispensed with entirely and the pots arranged in the same shape but concealed in some other way. When the two varieties are used the pots are better because *Asparagus tenuissimus* likes more water than the other kind, and if the two are in a box together the supply cannot be regulated as well.

A pretty way is to have a pot of *Asparagus plumosus* at each end of box (or plunged in the box itself) and all the rest *Asparagus tenuissimus*. The former may then be draped out around the sides and here and there among the others, giving a graceful effect to the whole. With such an arrangement of the *Asparagus*, there will still be plenty of room left next to the window for flowering plants, and one or two brackets at the sides also help. The different *Primulas*, certain dainty *Begonias*, etc., are tireless winter bloomers and are very suitable in this greenery. Or it may be used simply as a "show window," as it is often termed, where only ones choicest plants and bulbs are exhibited when in the height of their beauty; new ones constantly taking their place. Surely nothing could show off their form and coloring to better advantage than this charming background. Indeed, there are wonderful possibilities in a window of this kind.

If no flowering plants are desired, have the box made straight and long, and placed next to the glass on a shelf or legs. You will then have simply a curtain of green, but a lovely one.

For decorating the dining table *Asparagus plumosus nanus* is very pretty and desirable, and easier to grow than most of the delicate ferns. Like those, it should always be placed in a light window between meals. By training the long shoots low down around the pot or dish instead of above, it will be more suitable for the purpose, and a large plant may be used longer.

For special occasions *Asparagus Sprengeri* is admirable. Use a medium sized plant placed in a suitable jardiniere (or fern-dish by covering the upper part of pot with crepe paper.) Arrange all but the four finest branches over the top, so as to completely conceal the soil, and around the sides in as graceful a manner as possible. Then spread each one of the four long sprays out over the cloth to its own corner of the table, and I feel sure you will be delighted with the effect.

Flora Lee.

Bulbs for Late Planting.

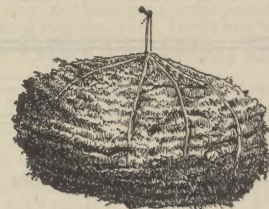
(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Quite often in the fall the busy housekeeper neglects or forgets to order her bulbs for the window garden. Then when her friends begin to have some of the earlier blossoms she has nothing. But one need not be discouraged even if other

duties did prevent the planting of bulbs early in the season. There are some that may be planted late and still be a success.

Roman Hyacinths are very easily forced and one might almost say they require no care whatever, and they are absolutely sure to bloom. I have planted them after Christmas with good

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The Fern Ball

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

I seem to you only a bare brown ball,
A thing uncouth and homely;
Lifeless, and barren of promise or hope
Of ever being comely.

But deep within my heart is stirred
By whispers of beauty rare;
By music sweet, like song of bird,
A rapturous song I seem to have heard
In a forest dim and fair.

A forest with aisles of living green,
And carpet of blossoms and moss;
With wide-spreading branches, whose leaves between
The wind and the sunlight were wont to careen;
And pathways wild deer ran across.

With gay-plumaged birds, like winged sunlight,
To sing of sweet life, and dear love;
With sunshine and shadow, and tender moonlight,
With showers by day, and dews by night,
And a sheltering sky above.

Of this wonderful forest I, too, was a part,
With fronds of delicate green,
And broad, waving branches, sent out from my heart,
Traced by the Great Master's unparalleled art,
And dyed by the sunlight's sheen.

And still that beauty within me lies,
Barren and brown as I seem,
Waiting, in patience, the showers from the skies,
The blessed rain that shall bid me arise
To the likeness of my fond dream.

Watered freely, and warmed by the smiles
Of the ardent, life-giving sun,
I'll grow and flourish, with all the wiles
I used in the ancient forest aisles,
Till my life's full course is run.

Affection lies in the human heart,
As the fronds of the fern in the mold,
Waiting love's gracious showers to start
Into a growth that shall impart
To life fragrant blessings untold.

Under the light of love's tender smile,
And showered by kindly deed,
The heart so cold and barren erstwhile,
Will bud and blossom, like tropical isle,
With affection's beautiful meed.

By Unope Kerr.





The Fern Dish.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

The fern dish is the finishing touch of elegance to the simplest table. Have you not many times admired the center piece (upon some luncheon table) consisting of a fern dish set in a silver filagree jardiniere and wished with all your heart you could afford such a dainty accessory to your own table? Indeed, yes. But the prohibitive price asked at a florist's, has made many of us resign all idea of possessing one. It isn't really the silver which attracts our attention. There may be many other silver articles on the board. It is the green things growing, airily, bewitchingly before us, and while the silver may set off the green tracery of leaf and stem, yet other material could be used to decorate the plainness of the dish.

So I set to work. I bought a "fern dish," simply a flower pot, broad and shallow. To the woods I went, bringing home leaf mold, and a root of Maidenhair fern, called Crow's foot. It has five fingers on its black stems. The mold had a handful of sand mixed with it and the fern was tucked carefully in the dish. That was the beginning. I then rooted a flowering begonia, *Argentea guttata*, and put that in the dish. The object in a fern dish is to have small plants. When they grow large, the fern dish can not be used for a center piece. Beside the begonia went a cyclamen bulb, raised from seed, and then a couple of other wood ferns, the coffee fern, and the gold back, both small delicate ferns, native in California. This was my first dish, but I learned the art of making them up differently. Suppose you are using Eastern ferns which rest during the winter. Do not put in flowering begonias, but use gloxinias, achimenes, cyclamen, or tuberous begonias, as these all rest during the winter. When the dish is in full greenery and you desire to use it on the table, decorate it with tissue paper, or silk, the color of your table decorations, and no one will notice the absence of silver filagree. Do not use reds or blues, but soft greens or creams, or pale pinks or yellows which will harmonize with the greenery and not antagonize.

As the principal object of a fern dish, is ferns, I will name some pretty ones. There is the *Davidiana*, which in time grows large, but while small is very pretty in a fern dish. The maidenhairs one and all belong to the fern dish, in fact, I think the fern dish was "invented" especially to set off the maidenhairs. In California we have the gold back, a maidenhair with the black stems and a glittering back which looks as though dusted with gold; the coffee fern, small round leaves like coffee beans, both remaining evergreen the year around, if kept watered. The *Pteris variegata* has leaves margined with white, and is

ever green, and *Nephrolepis Duffii* is a very dainty small leaved fern, nice for the fern dish.

In making up fern dishes, I aim to use plants with delicate foliage, a bulb or two for flowers, and ferns. The artillery plant is especially pretty in a fern dish, as is also the plumosus asparagus. When they grow a little too large, they can be cut back, or removed. *Begonia multiflora* is also a pretty plant on account of its many small leaves. Whenever a fern dish grows ragged looking, remake it. One can have two or three in various states of development so that one perfect one is always on hand. If I lived East, I should have a dish of native ferns and lilies of the valley put away in a cold cellar where it could

freeze up until February and then bring it into the warm rooms. And I would have one of maidenhair and sweet violets for early spring. One can get more delight out of a fern dish, than from a whole conservatory of bigplants. There is something so interesting in the slowly uncurling fern fronds; it fascinates a plant lover.

Georgina S. Townsend.

Flower Culture in Oregon.

Written for Vick's Family Magazine.

I want to tell you how proud I was of my Asters last fall. I had three large beds, and ten different varieties. They were so large and beautiful that they took the prize at our County Fair.

It was no trouble at all to raise them here, although we can raise only very hardy plants on account of cool nights. We cannot raise tomatoes in this valley and only very early corn; often it freezes down.

We have to irrigate everything here as we have no summer showers after June. I have tried so often to raise flowers as I did in New York state, but it is a failure every time, so have settled down to a few hardy plants and flowers, such as sweet peas, asters, hollyhock, etc. I have enjoyed the Paper White Narcissus so much, and recommend them to every one. They are so fragrant and beautiful. One could put the bulbs in water, one a week for six weeks in succession, and have sweet flowers all winter.

Helen Steele Titus.

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Don't Coddle.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Almost as many plants are killed, or at least badly demoralized, by coddling as by neglect. Don't be too good to them! Don't wear yourself to a frazzle looking for insect pests on every leaf—you will probably wear the plants to a frazzle too. Don't sow your seeds in egg shells so that when transplanting time comes you can "carefully pick away the shell and set the roots in the ground undisturbed." Provide good soil and give your plants good, business-like attention, but don't water them when not thirsty nor give them dyspepsia by over-feeding.

S. B. Hopkins.



HOLLY

Christmas Thoughts.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

"Holly berries wreathed around, frame the merry sight;
Love and kindness blossom rich, this happy Christmas night."

Margaret Sidney.

How soon we shall hear the joyous Christmas bells, and this most glorious time of all the year will be celebrated by the rich and poor alike.

This is the season when no matter how many palms, ferns, and other potted plants and flowers we have, we must have special greenery of some description. Holly and mistletoe are especially appropriate and many are able to buy small bunches, even if unable to indulge in large quantities. Have the wreath in the window to whisper to each weary heart that sees it. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good-will to men."

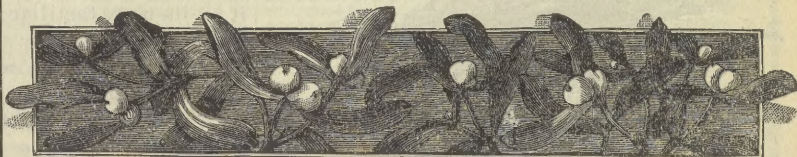
Should we be so placed that Holly is unattainable there always remain the Pine, Cedar, Hemlock, and other of our evergreen trees, beside the low-growing, running, evergreen plant called Ground Pine. For church decoration large branches of these trees may be used and festoons of the ever green, running plant may be fashioned for pillars, and for wreaths. Do not try for too elaborate decorations especially in the home. Simplicity is the keynote of success in these decorations as in many other cases.

In the home, Christmas is the holiday that seems to wholly belong to the children. We must strive to impress upon their minds that it is a Holy day as well as a holiday, and the reason. Try to remember all the old Christmas customs and expressions so that none of the joyousness of the old-time Christmas will be lost. Make it the time when all sorrows and trials are forgotten and only the blessedness remembered.

A pretty custom that has been renewed in many homes, especially in homes where Christmas is the time of family reunions, is that of singing the Christmas hymns early in the morning. The younger members of the family singing the hymns to awaken the others.

"Within the hall are song and laughter,
The cheeks of Christmas glow red and jolly,
And sprouting is every corbel and rafter
With lightsome green of ivy and holly."

Ethelyn—Mass.



MISTLETOE.

Through Fields and Woodlands

BY N. HUDSON MOORE



December.

FOR THE blind man saith, 'There be no such thing as sight.' There is the corporeal maladie of blindness, and there is the mental maladie of blind sight. In good sooth ye are all blinde except thy minde and eie doe seek in harmonie. Verily there be those who see not though they doe looke, who having eies of great showinge yet walk abroad in staring blindness."

People are constantly asking me if there is any nature work to be done in winter, anything to see on a winter's walk. To such I am always tempted to quote the lines at the head of this page, and a few more in addition.

To be sure winter is not gay with birds and flowers, but there are some of these to be found if you approach nature with an open mind and gratitude for small favors. The tree sparrow, chickadees, nuthatches and crows, these latter interesting but often misunderstood birds, are almost always with us, and in proportion to their rarity assume a value they do not hold at any other time of the year. For years on winter mornings I've seen a small band of crows, some years five, others seven, fly cawing to their feeding ground, and fly home again at night by the same air line, which seems to be as clear to their eyes as a Roman road is to mine. Of course I could not tell one crow from another, but it has seemed as if this little band were old friends. The day did not begin right if they passed before I got to my window, and when they flew back at night, or rather in the late afternoon, I was sure it was time to stop work, since it was certain to be growing dusk.

There are little details to notice that escape you when more things are about to attract your attention. For example I have timed these crows flying between two marks,—tall trees—scores of times, and I find that they fly the given distance a little faster in the morning than they do at night. I do not for a moment suppose that they are weary, for crows are powerful birds, but I take it for granted that they are a number of ounces heavier at night than when they started out in the morning, for a crow is a huge feeder, and when they go extra slow at night I always think "they found good pickings today anyhow."

Nor are they fanciful about their diet either, they will eat almost anything. Near the city of Amsterdam in New York State, the city's garbage is dumped in a great field; the Central railroad

living on the ice in the Hudson, which seems a barren enough spot certainly.

There has been a great crow roost near Rochester for many years, and last Autumn there was much interest felt in it, so that a great many people went out to see the crows gather at night. It was a marvelous sight to see such a quantity of birds in the air at one time, to see them come from all quarters of the compass at about the same

passes near it, and as the train goes rushing by the crows nearest the track rise with cries of alarm, to settle back as soon as the unknown monster has passed. The field looks black with them. All winter long, below Albany, you will see many crows apparently picking up a

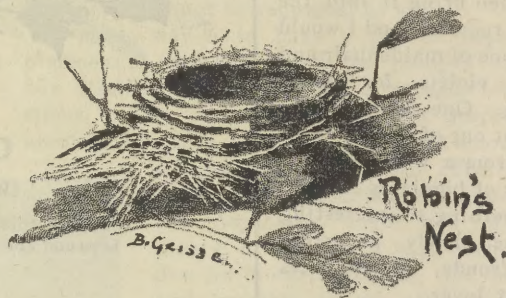
when its owner is perched on an evergreen tree powdered with snow. These sparrows are among the most useful of all our seed-eating birds. It is estimated that they eat one-quarter of an ounce a day of noxious seeds, so that ten birds, even if confined to a range of one square mile, will in two hundred days destroy 875 tons of weed seeds!

The red-breasted nuthatch is another winter visitor, less common, of course, than crow or chickadee, but still often to be found in a winter's walk. After the first snow there is no better time to go to the woods and see how all the little creatures are getting along. There may be some piece of woods with which you are absolutely familiar in summer time. You may be able to name almost without an error the most common birds dwelling there, as well as the plants, but in all your visits there have never met any of those little four-footed creatures which make it their home. Much of their lives and haunts will be revealed to you by this first snow. There are the curious tracks made by the cottontails, common little brown hares. The smaller and entirely different track of the squirrel will be imprinted as well, and you will be able to see for yourself how far afield the house cats of the neighborhood go in search of wild game. There are some nature students who insist that it is not the small boy nor the milliner that is responsible for the alarming decrease in our song birds, but the prolific cat, the numbers of which have increased so rapidly during the past few years that they form a destructive army millions strong. In fact it is being strongly urged in many quarters that cats, as well as dogs, should be licensed. A woodland walk with a light snowfall on the ground will generally show you that pussy has been ahead of you. Somewhere on her trail you may find a tuft of fur and a few red drops which tell the tale of her activities.

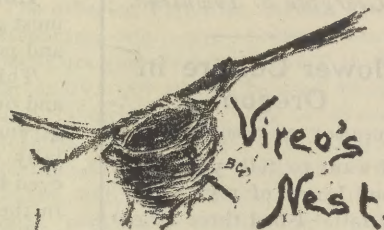
Among the grass perhaps you may step on a tuft of grass that seems suspiciously soft, and there will be a squeak and a scramble and a small gray creature will dart away from under your very feet, leaving the tiniest flying track in the snow, so slight that it seems as if its alarmed feet hardly touched ground. Then if you do not want to go home empty-handed, what about all these stalks of plants, the grasses sticking up so gray and gaunt, the partridge berries yet lingering in shaded places, the rose hips and haws, the clematis beard, and the ferns still showing their leaves in perfect form, but changed from the brilliant green of summer to pale browns and yellows?

Many of these stalks of plants, like those of the golden-rod, for instance, contain the eggs of some insect snugly laid away to pass the winter in peace and plenty. There is always the pleasant surprise of finding a cocoon strongly anchored to a twig, or concealed beneath a dangling leaf, and be sure that the more you look the more you'll see. There is a perfect talent in finding these wild spoils, and a power of observation is a valuable faculty and one that comes largely by training.

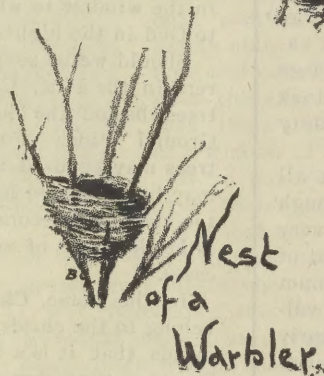
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Robin's Nest.



Vireo's Nest.



Nest of a Warbler.

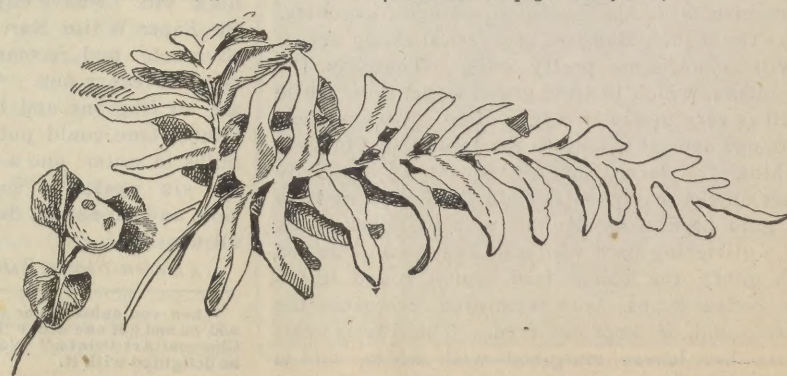
moment, to watch them turn and wheel and finally settle on the trees amid the crackling of twigs and their own hoarse cawing. About the first of December the attention, these birds received was apparently annoying, for they suddenly moved to a copse about four or five miles away.

It was a wonderful hegira. Did they discuss the matter between themselves before they went? It would seem so, and that the word was passed along. It seems as marvelous and well directed a movement as the flight of a nation, as the crossing of the Red Sea, or the journey through the wilderness.

The tree sparrow, or to call it by its more familiar name, the "winter chippy" is a sweet little bird, whose constantly cheerful note makes it a rival of the chickadee. Its pretty little cap, "rufous" the books call it, chestnut red it seems to me, never looks brighter, than



TREE SPARROW.



Talks About Flowers

By
BENJAMIN B. KEECH

The Amaryllis.

The amaryllis is one of the most beautiful of flowers, yet its culture does not seem to be very well understood. There are two ways to grow it—the right and the wrong. The first, which is to alternately encourage the plants to grow and rest, produces the large magnificently colored blossoms twice every year—which is usually the oftenest, in twelve months, that an amaryllis blooms. The second way, which is to keep the bulbs growing and give them the same treatment the whole year round, produces no flowers so long as this method is followed. Although many people fail in growing this worthy plant, its culture is really simple, and in telling how to care for it, I will begin at the beginning, so that no point may be lost.

The most propitious time to buy and pot the amaryllis is from February to April. If blooming-sized bulbs are procured—those that are two or three years old—they ought to flower during the following fall, or from July to November. Then, if allowed to rest for a while, they will bloom again, along about March,—sometimes before, in midwinter, and sometimes after. In order to get the best display, a reasonably large number of bulbs of one separate variety should be grown in a pot. Five bulbs of blooming size in an eight-inch receptacle, or four in a six-inch one, will be about right. Smaller bulbs will soon grow around the bases of the old ones and cover the jar with graceful, strap-like foliage.

Be particular to give the amaryllis good drainage. An inch and a half layer of small pieces of charcoal, burned bone or pebbles, covered with some moss or dead leaves, will do. The soil need not necessarily be very rich, but it should be mellow, sandy and porous. Ground from the vegetable garden will answer well enough, but a richer, prepared soil may be given, if you wish. Shake the earth down well in the pot, and place the bulbs so that their necks will be about half an inch above the rim of the dish. Cover only half of the bulbs with soil. Water thoroughly and set in a warm, sunny window. As long as new leaves or bud stalks keep appearing, give the amaryllis all the moisture it requires. Daily applications of warmish water are generally quite beneficial.

Also give liquid manure or plant food, especially if the soil was not originally rich. As soon as leaf growth stops, however, withhold water and fertilizers—this should be done gradually—until the soil is the next thing to dust dry. Set the bulbs back in a safe place and leave alone, except for an occasional examination. When the first new leaf appears—very often it is a bud stalk instead of a leaf—bring to a sunny window and resume applications of water and fertilizers, increasing doses as the plant grows. Give much attention as long as new leaves are produced. At this stage the plants should be encouraged to grow as much as possible, and at other times their rest should be equally satisfactory.

If applications of fertilizer are given during the growing and blooming periods, and the soil is well drained, etc., it is not necessary to repot the amaryllis in three or four years—sometimes longer. Repotting is most successfully accomplished in the spring or summer, at a time when the bulbs are getting over a rest and preparing to send forth new roots and leaves. Small bulblets may now be broken away from the base of the

parent plant and repotted in dishes of their own. Select the ones that are partially detached, and use judgment as to size of pot, etc. In a few years you will have another glorious lot of flowers to rejoice over. In May, the amaryllis can be turned from its receptacle and bedded out of doors, where it will generally do well. Repot in fall, of course. The dishes of bulbs can also be plunged out of doors to spend the summer. This is, I think, a more satisfactory method than the other. Frequent repotting is apt to disturb the bulbs to a degree that they will not blossom when expected to. The amaryllis, in bloom, makes a

very beautiful ornament for a veranda. Give it the highest place of honor on your plant stand, or put it alone on a bracket, where it can display its charms to advantage. Almost any florist's catalogue will advise you as to the best varieties. Amaryllis Regina and Johnsonii are very beautiful, and favorite sorts. The more common, bright scarlet variety is also beautiful, especially if you haven't any of the larger, more showy kinds. Crinum ornatum, "the king of the amaryllis tribe," should receive everyone's attention.

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The Courage of Elizabeth

By Mary Lewis

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That we were in a bad way financially would have been patent to the most casual observer; and equally evident—had there been anyone there to see—would have been the fact that we were trespassing in a most flagrant manner on the property of Adelbert Carmichael, distant kinsman and our sworn enemy. We could not be accused of breaking and entering, since we had found the window partly opened, which was to serve us—or to be more accurate—was to serve Elizabeth as a mode of ingress into our grandfather's late home. Elizabeth, be it known, was very tall and narrow, tipping the scales at less than one hundred pounds, while I was short and wide, weighing—well, just how much does not matter. Suffice it to say that it was enough to necessitate Elizabeth's crawling head foremost through the window and unlocking the front door, before I could enter our—or what should have been our—ancestral halls.

As I stood on the porch, made dark and gloomy by the matted ivy that covered it, and heard my cousin skurrying through the sombre old rooms to let me in, I felt absolutely reconciled to being of a width that put my doing the pioneer act through

a window utterly and forever, out of the question. My courage does not, and never did, correspond with my size, and I can easily recall how, as a child, whenever the old Adam in me impelled me to any not-to-be-winked-at-act of disobedience, and I was sent to bed in the dark, I skurried up the dim stairs, increasing my pace to a terror-stricken run the farther I got from the friendly lamp-light below, till on reaching my room I bolted through the door, and double-locked it, against the shadowy hands I imagined were reaching out from behind me, to grab my unlucky heels.

It was this same unreasoning fear that impelled me to dash through the door, opened for me by Elizabeth, and shoot the heavy bolt in its socket with an irrepressible shudder. We stood in the dusky hall and looked at each other. A blind rattled in the October wind. I shivered, and my heart beat like a trip hammer. My cousin laughed, and her large nose drew itself up and down in an irritating manner.

"Don't you think," I murmured insinuatingly "that now we're in, we'd better go out? These rooms look so dreadfully empty, and—and—for Heaven's sake, Elizabeth, don't

wink your nose at me in that diabolical manner!"

My cousin looked at me reflectively. "What an incorrigible little coward you are, to be sure, Alice Jeness! Rooms naturally look empty when almost denuded of their furnishings, and as for my nose—well, don't be a silly, but make the most of our stolen visit to our old home, as I shall do. It will probably be our last. Do you know, Alice," she continued, looking about her, "I cannot believe it was grandfather's intention to leave us penniless—least of all in favor of Adelbert Carmichael. He never liked him—never! He was a spendthrift, and recklessly intemperate in every way. After he became interested in mesmerism, and all such nonsense, he was particularly obnoxious to grandpa—you know he had a perfect horror of all those things. It is perfectly incomprehensible to me. It was not like grandpa—not a bit!" and Elizabeth shook her head impressively at me.

"Still, Elizabeth," I said slowly feeling that some answer was expected: "you know that neither your father nor mine was a favorite with grandpa. Not that he could ever say a word against them!" I added hastily, loyal to the father who had died when I was but a little child. "But they were English, while he was nothing if not a full-blooded and—and"—I hesitated, not wishing to say anything that could reflect ever so little on grandfather's wisdom, for I had loved him dearly. "A dar-

ling, stiffnecked old Knickerbocker!" finished Elizabeth for me. "He wanted his twin girls to marry Stuyvesants or Van Dusans at the very least; so that he very naturally was not overjoyed, just at first, to find his daughters had their own views in regard to husbands. But we were left alone in the world, and he took us home here; could anyone have been kinder or more loving than he was?"

I shook my head. "But there was the will, giving everything to Adelbert!" I persisted.

"Yes, there was the will!" repeated my cousin: "at the same time I have always felt that there was some crooked work somewhere, that Adelbert Carmichael could explain better than anyone else. Why, it is preposterous to believe that grandfather would have brought us up in the belief that we were to inherit his property unless he meant to make a decent provision, at least, for us."

"I wish he had not sent us away to school," I said, "and then Adelbert would never have gained the foothold he did. To think he never let us know of grandfather's death in season for us to get here to the funeral! I shall never forgive him for that—never!"

"Well, in my opinion, that is not the only grudge we should bear him if the whole truth were known," said Elizabeth dryly. "I think he had his own reasons for not wanting us to see grandpa before he died. At any rate he made good use of his time while we were away. I never would have believed that he, of all men, would

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have had the least influence over grandfather, had things not turned out just as they have. Even as it is, I feel certain that there are papers, somewhere, that would show that we have a good claim on this property, if only they could be found."

I shook my head dubiously.

"If this were a story, now," I said, "we should have no difficulty in finding a secret panel, or drawer, that by pressing a spring would reveal a snug little hiding place for any documents not to be trusted in the hands of an ordinary lawyer."

"O, as for that" replied my cousin, smiling faintly, "he really did hate lawyers. But come, dear, let us have a look at the dear old rooms once more, since we may never have another chance."

"But it is so lonely—so unutterably lonely! even the old clock is so sad it won't even go;" I sighed, shutting the door of the hall clock in the corner, which I had tried in vain to make tick, and following my cousin, who had already begun to mount the stairs. These stairs went up some eight or nine steps, then turned abruptly to the right, where there was a broad landing place, when another short flight led to the floor above. When we reached the landing we both stopped with a gasp of surprise. There, directly facing the first flight, was a large portrait of our grandfather, so lifelike that it seemed as though he must speak. It seemed to be even with the wall, with the exception of the outer rim of the massive frame, which was very thick, projecting at least five or six inches beyond the picture, giving the face the appearance of peering out at one in a manner calculated to act unpleasantly on a person with nerves. The frame was of silver, heavily chased with a queer scroll-like design, and in each corner under an open filagree of silver, was set what might well have been mistaken for bits of colored glass. Elizabeth and I, however, recognized them as emeralds of no mean value. We had been allowed to see, and even handle them, as a special reward for good behavior when children, and had often been told they were to be ours when we came into our property. Below the portrait, on a plate of silver, in raised letters of black, we read the following inscriptions:

Tempus omnia revelat.

"Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?"

"Time discloses all things," repeated Elizabeth thoughtfully, following the upper inscription with a slim forefinger. Ah! Alice, how I wish it would! It almost seems as if grandfather was bidding us be of good cheer."

"Yes, or defending his act in leaving us penniless!" I said a little bitterly, pointing to the second inscription.

"Don't, Alice, dear, don't say or think bitter things about grandpa. Think how kind he always was to us!"

"I do remember! but what could have induced him to have a portrait painted at his age, when we could never persuade him to even sit for a photograph?" I asked.

My cousin shook her head.

"It was certainly a queer idea," she said slowly, passing her hand caressingly over the pictured face. And it was queer, too, having it built right into the wall. Alice, you do not think it possible that there is

It was the face of a man well into the seventies. It showed plainly the pure Dutch descent of which our grandfather had been so proud; a rather full face, with shaggy brows shading a pair of keen gray eyes. The mouth was decidedly set, with deep lines at each corner. The chin was rather square. Although the thick, close-cropped hair was iron-gray, apart from that the face showed little trace of age. The artist had caught the true spirit of our grandfather's character admirably. The strong nature of intense likes and dislikes, the hatred of anything savoring of deception or "toadying," the iron will, were traits well known to us, and showed plainly in the painted face.

But to us, his orphaned granddaughters, it had been a face showing only love; and our lives had been happy and sheltered till his death, some three years before.

The shock of finding ourselves beggars—turned penniless into the world, when we had always thought ourselves (and with good reason) heirs to a comfortable property, had been great. Since which time it had been a constant struggle to keep our heads above water. Fortunately for us, Elizabeth was possessed of an unusual talent for decorative painting, and had received special instruction in that line. I had been lucky enough, through the efforts of a former teacher, to secure the position of an under teacher in a girls' school about one hundred miles distant from our old home; so we had managed somehow. But, as my cousin very truthfully expressed it, roast beef and plum pudding did not figure largely in our culinary department.

Immediately on the death of our grandfather Adelbert Carmichael had written us a curt letter informing us of the will in his favor, and after begging to know our desires in regard to our personal belongings, had politely referred us to his lawyer for further information in the matter. In answer to our letter of inquiry, that gentleman had confirmed his client's statement—that we were not so much as mentioned in the will found after our relative's demise. I think

the fact that grandfather had so evidently turned against us hurt us more than the loss of the money. We had had no desire to intrude on our kinsman, since the receipt of his attorney's letter. But now we felt differently, and we had only been waiting an opportunity to gain access to our old home, and wander once more through the rooms made dear to us by early associations.

(Continued in our January issue.)

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When Susan Plays the Violin.

(A Prize Poem in our late contest.)

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The very air seems tremblin';
I almost hear the sound begin
Of angel hosts assemblin',
With folded pinions standin' round
A listenin' to the dulcet sound.
Old memories come crowdin' in
When Susan plays the violin.

When Susan plays the violin
Sometimes the tune is merry,
And then starts up the rhythmic din
Of footsteps beatin' airy.
Then "all hands round," the cry goes out;
We join the fun with laugh and shout;
For dancin' cannot be a sin
When Susan plays the violin.

When Susan plays the violin,
"Sweet Home," and "Suwannee River,"
I somehow feel my eyes grow dim,
My pulses throb and quiver.
And in the mists of long ago
My thoughts go driftin' to and fro,
Till all is rest and peace within,
When Susan plays the violin.

Lorena Thaw Ehrenfeld.

anything concealed behind"—

"That portrait?" I broke in sharply, for I never quite liked the way my cousin had of weaving romances out of very little material. "No, indeed I do not! As for his reason for having his face a part of the solid wall, I suppose he wished to make sure it would stay put, and that he wouldn't be carried off up garret when his precious Adelbert got tired of having his eyes follow his 'goings out' and 'comings in.'"

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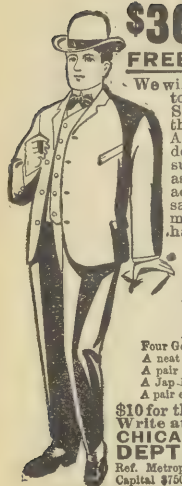
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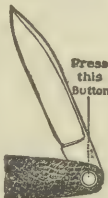
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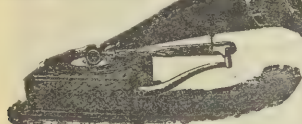
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the old baby cart, bidding them "Hurry right along."

They did not feel in any hurry. When they got down town they sauntered along, peeping in all the store windows

"choosing things."

"Dat's mine," said Pete. And "Dat's mine," echoed Liza Jane.

As they chose one thing after another, they were taking almost as much pleasure in imagining things were theirs as if they really were. At last, they tore themselves away from all these delights, and started on their way.

As they started to cross the street, they saw Mrs. Hale, the lady to whom they were taking the washing, hurrying to take a car. Just as she neared it, she dropped her pocket-book. The children called to her but she did not hear. She boarded the car and the purse was left lying in the street.

"Golly les go git it," said Pete. So they ran and picked it up. "It's our now," said he "we done found it."

"Finders is keeps," said Liza Jane. "Le's see what's in it."

There was a substantial roll of bills, some street car tickets and some cards with Mrs. Hale's name on them.

The children did not need the cards to tell them to whom the purse belonged, but in their kinky heads was the idea, that if they found anything it was theirs by the right of possession. So they were very happy. Their consciences did not trouble them in the least. They were far too busy thinking what they could get with the money as they now hurried along with the old baby cart.

"Oh, just tink—won't mammy be sprised."

"We'll buy de tings to jist make a splendiferous dinner," said Pete. "And say, Liza Jane, we gwine buy Pap admouth organ."

"You bet," said Liza Jane. "He gwine make more music und dat organ dan a whole brass band. Oh, I could jest hear him play all de time."

Their father, George Washington Smith, did enjoy playing a mouth organ.

"We'll buy lots of candy formammy," said Pete.

"Oh, fiddle! you gwine eat dat yourself," said Liza Jane.

"Nebber you mind, you eat your shar," retorted Pete. "We'll gwine git a lot of Christmas presents anyway. Guess ebberbody git some."

So they went on trundling the rickety, creaking old baby cart, skipping and jumping along, their minds filled with bright anticipations of tomorrow. They were going to make their purchases on their way home.

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"No ma'am, she don't," said Pete.

They didn't enlighten her as to the pocket-book resting in Pete's ragged old jacket pocket, for that was their money, they "done found it."

On their way home they stepped into a grocery and stood there bewildered. There was a crowd, buying their supplies for Christmas, and it was a wonder that they were noticed and waited upon, but a kind-hearted clerk spied them and asked what they wanted. Their ideas were somewhat hazy as to the ingredients for a spang-up Christmas dinner. The clerk saw their dilemma and asked them how much money they had. They told him, "as much as ten dollars." He wondered how those ragged little darkies had become possessed of so much money, but it was none of his business, so he helped them out in ordering the things for dinner and telephoned for a turkey to go up in the morning with the groceries.

From the grocery they went to the five and ten cent store and bought a great quantity of toys. Then tired out with the unwonted pleasure of shopping they went home.

They had ordered everything delivered. "For," said Liza Jane, "if we has them 'livered mammy tink Old Santa sent 'em suah."

When they reached home they



"Oh chilluns," said she, "we won't hab any Christmas, cept I git Mrs. Jenks' ironing done and send dat home." "Poor younguns!"

"Nebber mind 'bout us," said Pete, "Ole Santa bound to member us somehow or nudder."

He kissed his mother with a resounding smack, and after Liza Jane had followed his example they crawled off to bed, two tired, happy children.



"Dem chilluns haint got no care tall bout em," said their mother, as she brought out the ironing board and prepared to iron Mrs. Jenks' "wash-in."

The next day she rose early and let the children sleep, but she wondered when they got up what made them run to the door so often. She was so sorry that she had nothing for their stockings, and she also wondered that they did not mind their loss.

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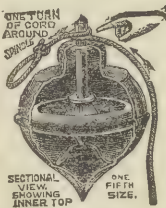
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Your tired knee that has so much to bear;
A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly
From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.
Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
Of warm, moist fingers holding yours so tight
You do not prize this blessing over much—
You almost are too tired to pray tonight.

But it is blessedness! A year ago

I did not see it as I do today;

We are so dull and thankless, and too slow

To catch the sunshine till it slips away.

And now it seems surpassing strange to me

That while I wore the badge of motherhood

I did not kiss more oft and tenderly

The little child that brought me only good.

And if some night, when you sit down to rest,

You miss this elbow from your tired knee—

This restless curling head from off your breast,

This hissing tongue that chatters constantly:

If from your own the dimpled hands had slipped,

And ne'er would nestle in your palm again;

If the white feet into their grave had tripped,

I could not blame you for your heartache then.

I wonder so that mothers ever fret

At little children clinging to their gown,

Or that the footprints, when the days are wet,

Are ever black enough to make them frown.

If I could find a muddy little boot,

Or cap, or jacket, on my chamber floor,

If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,

And hear it patter in my house once more—

If I could mend a broken cart today,

Tomorrow make a kite to reach the sky,

There is no woman in God's world could say

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"How few to work you mean?" asked the mother, not cheered by the enthusiasm of her group of five.

And when, after they were all quieted down to sleep, she sat darning with swift hands her brain wove dreams and plans, as so many other women's ere now have done, of things which must be done before Christmas—a list quite severe enough to tire her in two months space, but which

she dared believe would by a miracle be done in thirty days. Love prompted her, yet as the second week closed she grew so irritable, "so cross," everyone wondered. Unless she labored thus so many must be disappointed by a bare Christmas. The night before the day of days her limbs trembled as she hung the gifts on the tree, feeling bitter meanwhile because of the many tasks still unfinished.

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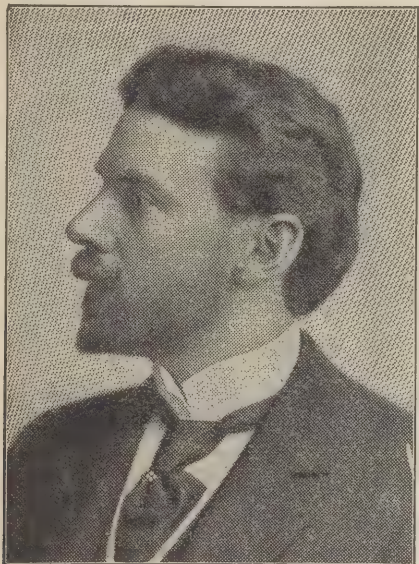
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On the Subject of Reading

By Kate Burton

(Concluded from November number.)

Do not compel a child to subsist on a diet provided by one or two authors alone. A mixed diet in literature, as well as in all forms of food, is generally the most commendable; and it should be so good that the reader will desire to masticate it thoroughly in order that the further processes of digestion, absorption, circulation and assimilation may be fully performed.

In due time the novels of Charles Dickens, Jane Austen and others may be enjoyed. Little Dorrit, little Dora, little Nell and other heroines of Dickens cannot fail to interest and instruct the girl mind; while the heroes of this great writer that deserve emulation are perhaps too numerous to mention. Such novels, as well as others that might be named, together with the weekly and monthly publications already mentioned, will keep a person supplied with reading matter until he is capable of making wise selections,—not only for himself but for others.

It is a mistake to allow children to read too much. This practice is harmful enough, even when the reading matter is good; but when it is otherwise, the consequences are to be met with no little dread. Imagine a young person yet in school, who in addition to her other duties, manages to read a novel each week, besides all the stories she can find in different publications. Wrong, you say, and wrong it is; yet such instances are as frequently the rule as the exception. Consider the consequences of such a course, for a moment. In the first place, the young woman wastes valuable time in absorbing a quantity of material, one-half of which will do her no future good. It is perfectly right that she devote an hour or two each day toward cultivating her mind; but if her mother is washing the supper dishes while the cultivating process is in operation, the plan is entirely wrong.

Again, it is injurious to a person's health to make a habit, rather than a pastime, of reading. Many a case of weak eyes, stooped shoulders and defective lungs might be traced to the practice of reading everything and reading it all the time. The development of the brain is not the only thing to consider. The unused muscles of the body need a good stretching and relaxing to throw off the effects of a too-heavy literary diet. It slowly but surely befores a person's mind to read too steadily on one subject, as love or detectives.

Make it a rule not to read any more than is right for your mental and physical welfare, first being sure that what you read is worth reading. Read slowly, distinctly and compre-

hendingly. Understand what you peruse so well that you can look from your book and repeat the gist if not the exact words of the story or article. Read with the intention of remembering. Nothing is worth reading that is not worth treasuring in memory's casket for future reference and guidance.

It is an excellent practice to read aloud. The person that can do so pleasingly, not only contributes to his own enjoyment but to that of others. Next to telling a pleasing story in a finished manner, comes the pleasure of reading a finished story in a pleasing manner. To the person that dislikes to read aloud, it may be said: cultivate the habit alone in your own room an hour or so each day, until you can see that some progress has been made.

Sit or stand easily erect, with your back to the light. Let your voice be in perfectly natural key and repeat each word slowly and distinctly. You will be surprised to note how you have been cutting the g's from the ends of some words and omitting other letters from their proper places. Probably not one person in the whole wide world speaks in a perfectly correct manner for a day at a time. This gives one a sort of shock when one thinks about it.

When practicing reading aloud by your self, close the teeth firmly together and repeat each word so distinctly that it may be heard at the farthest end of the room. Do not forget and begin to read in the usual manner; keep the teeth closed. After reading in this way for a week or two, one will be surprised at how well and correctly one can speak. It is a good plan to insist that children with a tendency toward stuttering be put through a course of this treatment.

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A Christmas Story

By Henrietta R. Hinckley

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

"Ruth, do you realize it is only two weeks before Christmas and we have not decided yet what presents to get for father?"

"I have a vivid realization of our pecuniary inability to celebrate that event with gifts, frankincense or myrrh," laughed Ruth. "In plain English, I could not buy a ten cent jumping-jack."

"Oh, I am well aware of that fact," answered Jennie, ruefully.

"Money for Christmas presents is not to be thought of in this household, and we have managed very nicely for all but father. Mother will be so pleased with the pretty rug we made, and Benny is sure to like the mittens you knitted for him and the scarf I made. Now we must think of something for father, if it is nothing but a clothespin dressed up for a pen-wiper. Suppose we go to the attic, that inexhaustible storehouse of ancient treasures, and rummage about. We may find some old garment we can remodel. We always do manage to find something."

So together the two sisters sought the roomy attic which the accumulation of several generations had filled with a medley of old discarded furniture—minus seats or legs; clothing, outgrown or too far out of style to be made use of at present.

"I don't believe we shall be able to find anything," said Ruth in despair. "We have looked this rubbish over so many times, I know it all by heart." She seated herself in a big old-fashioned arm chair, that had stood in the attic ever since her remembrance, and idly watched her sister as she poked about among the boxes and old trunks.

Jennie critically inspected every article with a view to its remodeling into a desirable Christmas gift for her father, but nothing seemed available for the purpose. With a sigh, she arose from the floor where she had been inspecting the contents of an old trunk, and coming to her sister's side she stood silently regarding her, as though for further inspiration. Suddenly, her face brightened and seizing her sister by the arms she dragged her from the chair and whirled her in a gay dance about the attic, singing joyfully—"I have found it."

"Found what?" asked Ruth, eagerly, "behave yourself and tell me about it. What can it possibly be," and she gazed about the attic with searching eyes.

"Oh, you could never guess," laughed Jennie, "and it is too large to be seen."

"Too large to be seen?" mused Ruth, looking about her. "Is it the fourposter?" pointing to an old antiquated bedstead in the corner.

"No," replied Jennie, scornfully, "what do you suppose I could do with that clumsy old thing?"

"Then it must be the wardrobe, that comes next in size. You think papa needs more room for his clothes, poor old dear. I don't know when he has had a new suit."

Wrong again," laughed Jennie.

"Well, I give it up, I never was good at conundrums," and she wearily sank into the old arm chair again.

"You are sitting on it," shouted Jennie, tragically.

"Sitting on what?" shrieked Ruth, springing to her feet, "was it a mouse?"

"No, its father's Christmas present," replied Jennie, demurely.

Ruth scrutinized the seat of the old chair, but could find no clue to her sisters meaning. "What on earth are you talking about, Jennie Wilson?" she exclaimed, impatiently. "You say it is too big to be seen, then assert that I am sitting on it, and scare the life out of me. I believe it is one of your jokes, and you have found nothing at all for father."

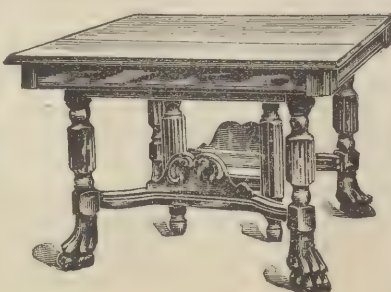
"I ought to have said you are sitting in it, instead of on it," said Jennie, with twinkling eyes. "Do you see it now?"

"You don't mean this old chair?" interrogated Ruth, in amazement.

"Yes, that is just what I mean," replied Jennie, earnestly. "It was only last week I heard father saying he wished he had a good comfortable chair. You know we all have our favorite rockers but father generally sits on one of the straight back chairs. We can rip off that old cover and put on a new one, then with a coat of varnish, he will not know it from a new chair."

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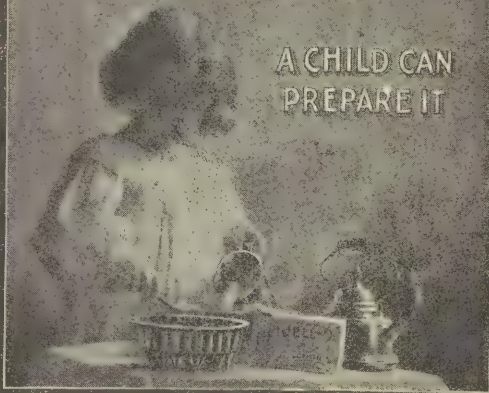
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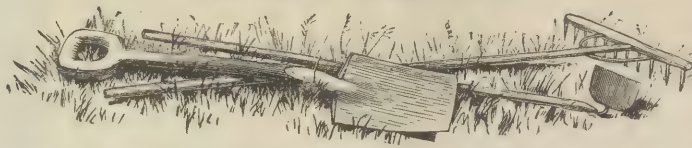
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In the Garden



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Now, we of the North land can sort o' laugh at our friends of the sunny South. True, it will be pretty cold to sit on the fence and watch them work, but we can make believe we are warm, at least, what time we are not busy digging ourselves out from under the snow. And this reminds me that we up here, may find something to do, and when by force of circumstances, our hands are idle our brains need not be, for careful planning now will very much lighten the work of next year. It will be a good time now, before the ground is too solidly frozen, to get plenty of hot bed soil in readiness so there need be no delay by waiting for it to thaw out sufficiently just when we want to use it. We want to secure that and have it piled in convenient shape for it is usually very hard to get it in February or March, and then is when many of us will require it for the very early beds. We like to pile it up in a conical heap then cover it with any coarse litter to prevent too much freezing, as it is then easily accessible and the beds are filled with very little trouble. When piling it, if a pint or more of air-slacked lime to the bushel of soil can be added and thoroughly worked in, it will be very helpful in destroying worms, fungi, etc.

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Then too some of the boxes or bed frames will need repairs, some of us no doubt have had the misfortune to break here and there a glass and these should be replaced by new ones. It will also pay, I think, to repaint the sash, they will last enough longer to amply compensate for a coat of paint every year. Then I suspect, that many of our readers have no hot beds at all; and to such,—why December is not a bit too early to make the good resolution. I am sure we will pardon any who venture to make it at once, and not wait for New Year's day.

I expect we will be accused of hatching some scheme to keep all the Vick family busy. Well, what I have suggested will not require nearly all of the month, so if we complete our work in time maybe, we shall then have some opportunity to sit on the fence and watch our Southern friends while they plant and sow, and weed and hoe.

What Have We Accomplished?

December you know will soon draw the curtain, and relegate the old year with all its hurry and turmoil, its defeats and achievements to the realm of the past. So I thought it would be timely to have a sort of family reunion so that we might pool our garden experiences and talk over our failures and successes. Speaking of our failures, most of us are very reticent about these, and prefer to talk of our successes only. But if we only knew how helpful even our failures are to others and ourselves as well, we sometimes would talk more freely of them I think. Some of our readers have responded to the call sent out some time ago, and below we insert their experiences, only regretting that more have not been heard from.

Mrs. F. Raymond, (address omitted)—"I must tell you about our garden. We moved to this place five years ago, and found our back yard a bed of coal ashes and clay. We planted a little the first year, and did little else than cut weeds off the rest of it. Our back yard is very large, and I thought if coal ashes would grow weeds, they would grow something useful as well. I bought my little son a wheelbarrow, and had him wheel in from the alley two barrows full of manure every day, from a barn nearby. He also scattered some on the ground, and the next year—I wish you could have seen my garden. I did the balance of the work except the spading, and every year since we have grown all the vegetables we could use, and how we enjoy them. I also enjoy the work though not very strong. This year I scattered a little bone meal in the rows, before putting in the seeds, and I could almost see the plants grow. We save \$2.50 to \$3.00

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IN THE GARDEN.

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it came to the cherries. Here too we had like experiences, for while there were several bushels on the trees, the birds were the chief beneficiaries. Unfortunately our bearing trees this year, were all of a very early variety, maturing before any others in the neighborhood, so there were robins bluejays, blackbirds and woodpeckers. In fact it seemed as though the whole feathered tribe congregated there. Well we gathered a half-bushel of partially matured fruit and the birds had the rest. They gathered the fruit for the half, and were very careful to divide the shares equally, only they left our part entirely in pits. We are perfectly free to admit that their songs which so cheered us in the early springtime, have since fallen on our ears with a sort of dull thud.

S. H. Carnahan, Oregon, sends us a sketch of garden work in the far West, and their experiences are but counterparts of those of many of our readers in other localities.

"As per your request I will tell you in regard to our garden work for 1903. We moved to this part of Oregon a year ago last May so have not had much experience in this line in this locality. West of the Rockies or on the Pacific Coast, we often find within a range of but a few miles a much wider difference in soil, climate and productions than in the central States.

Early this year we prepared a cold frame or semi-hot bed and raised a nice lot of various kinds of cabbage plants, while in the house in boxes we grew celery and tomato plants. We planted about an eighth of an acre each to onion and carrot seed; a fourth of an acre each to beet seed and potatoes and a variety of other vegetables and flowers. Result, we have a nice lot of carrots and beets for stock feed and nice potatoes for ourselves. We also started out in the spring to raise a lot of turkeys. And while some of them in their tender years succumbed to the inclement spring weather, enough survived to play havoc with our onion and cabbage crops—partially harvesting them prematurely. A neighbor Scotchman one day said "eat them all in one, for the cabbage is better in the turkey than in kraut." If they were eaten soon it would seem that they would give an onion flavor to the dressing.

Our beans and tomatoes in this locality were caught by frost ere they were matured, for we often have hard frosts here as late as in June and again in the fall as early as September. But for the production of the hardy vegetables like peas, cabbage and the root crops as beets, carrots, turnips, and parsnips, no country, I believe, excels this coast. They grow to enormous size and are of a most excellent flavor.

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been serving a mission of usefulness in the rooms below. I wonder how old it is? It has been in the attic ever since I can remember."

"I believe grandfather bought it at an auction," said Jennie, and grandmother was so provoked about it she would not have it around, but banished it to the attic, where it has remained ever since."

The girls told their mother, who was as pleased as they were, and found for them a faded red curtain, that Jennie declared would dye a nice dark red, and be just the thing with which to recover the chair. The next day they purchased a small can of varnish and a brush. Armed with a hammer and screw-driver, they ascended the attic stairs, eager to begin remodeling. First, Jennie took out the rusty tacks that held the cushion cover. Removing this, they found one of strong leather, fastened so tightly that it took a long time to draw all the tacks that secured it.

"It is very evident that someone beside a regular upholsterer put this leather cushion on," ejaculated Ruth, in disgust; "they never meant it should be taken off, that is certain."

At last the leather cushion was removed disclosing a layer of curled hair. This they decided could be used again, but as the center needed extra packing, they removed it carefully. As they did so, a sight met their astonished eyes that caused them to drop the curled hair and clasp their arms about each other, while they gazed with beating hearts into the cavity disclosed in the old chair. It was filled with a glittering heap of shining gold.

"Jennie!" gasped Ruth.

"Ruth!" echoed Jennie.

"In the name of Mercy, pinch me, Jennie, and assure me this is not a dream," gasped Ruth.

"I don't believe I have the strength," replied Ruth. "I feel as though I should faint."

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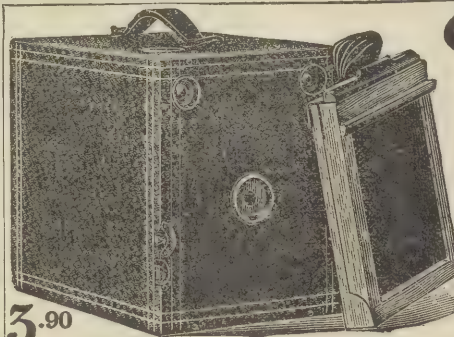
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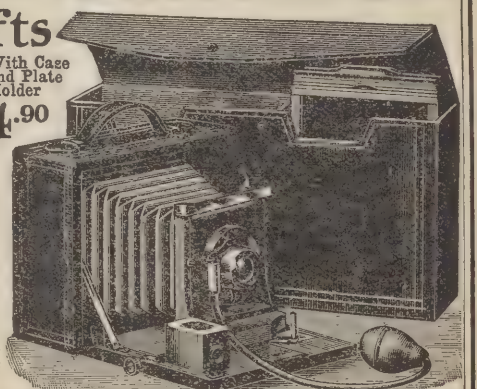
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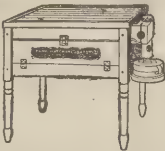
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Notes for the Poultry Keeper.

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Eggs or stock, which will you begin with? If you buy four or five head this fall you will be able to get all the eggs next spring required to give you a good start. You may be able to buy some pretty good old birds for a little money, and young stock can be bought cheap any way, at this season for there are lots of them and breeders want to reduce the number for winter. If you wait until spring and buy breeding stock you must expect to pay more money, as then they have been wintered and are matured, so the owner can tell better what they are and about their value. Then if you wait until spring and buy eggs to start with, that means to wait a whole year before you can raise more than what you get from these eggs, and unless you get a hundred or more eggs the number of chicks is not likely to be large.

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The Way I Look at Poultry Keeping.

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and cared too little. Some moneyed people have rushed into the poultry business, raised and sold a good deal of stock and eggs, but as to a clear profit they did not know or perhaps care whether it was there or not. This course has fooled a good many, even started a boom in some sections, and booms are not what we want in this industry. Some breeds that have had the largest booms are the dearest on the list today, not because they are inferior but their merits were strained and consequently weakened. I do not believe there is anyone breed enough better than another to warrant its being boomed. What we want is good steady careful management, and to know positively just what we are doing and whether it is paying or not, then go ahead.

Treasure Trove.

[Continued from page sixteen.]

"No wonder the old leather cushion was tacked on so firmly, and to think of the years this gold has remained hidden while we have needed it so badly," and Jennie picked up one of the bright coins and smoothed it caressingly.

"Dare we claim it for our own?" said Ruth, a nervous tremble in her voice.

"Who else would claim it I should like to know?" asked Jennie, defiantly. "It has been in our possession for over twenty years. I think it would be a pretty hard task to find the heirs, if there ever were any, at this late date."

"Let us count it and see how great a fortune we have found."

Seated on the floor, the two girls counted the coins, which were of different denominations, and arranged them in piles of \$100 each. There were eight piles.

"What will father say," exclaimed Jennie, her face beaming with joy. "He can have a new overcoat now. I am so ashamed of that old one of his."

"Yes, and mother needs a new dress. Oh, there are plenty of ways for it," answered Ruth, with a happy laugh. "Shall we fix up the old chair as we were intending to or shall we buy father a new one?"

"We will fix it just as we started out to do. Our suddenly acquired wealth must not make us extravagant. Dear old chair! I feel like hugging you," and Jennie flung her arms around its ample back.

"I feel more like hugging the one who put the gold there," laughed Ruth.

After placing the gold in a box, the girls went in search of their mother. They found her seated with her sewing, and deposited the box in her lap, enjoying her amazement when she lifted the lid and saw the golden treasure within. After the explanation was given and the expressions of joy and gratitude had subsided, Mrs. Wilson told the girls the history of the old arm chair

"If mother had only known what a treasure the old chair contained, she would not have been so provoked at poor father's hobby for attending auction sales and lumbering up the house with old rubbish as she called it. I remember the old chair was his last purchase."

They decided not to tell their father of their discovery until Christmas morning. He was greatly pleased with the chair, which the girls had made to look like a new one. On the seat was a box which he opened with a good-natured twinkle in his eyes, expecting to find some little joke prepared for him by the girls. When he saw the contents, his face became grave and pale as he demanded, almost sternly, "What is the meaning of this, girls?" Then they told him how and when they found it.

"I suppose it is useless to try to find the owner or his heirs after all these years," he said with a sigh that sounded as though the fact was a disappointment to him. "No, my dear, old conscientious daddy, you cannot find the owner," affirmed Ruth, gaily. "And I am glad of it, for I know he would not need it half as much as you do."

Mr. Wilson insisted upon dividing the gold, giving each of the girls and his wife \$200 and only keeping \$200 himself. They expostulated, but to no avail. So each felt it had been indeed a Golden Christmas to them.

"I love it, I love it, and whoshall dare to bid me for loving that old arm chair?" sang Ruth gaily.

The Christmas Children.

"How many days till Christmas?"
They're countin' 'em one by one;
"How many days
To the frosty ways
Where the beautiful, reindeer run?"

"How many days till Christmas?"
Let 'em hasten o'er hill and plain!
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Let 'em speed along,
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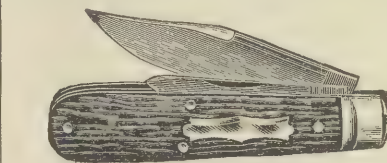
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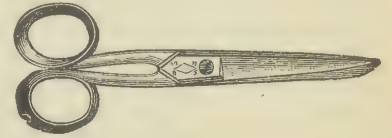
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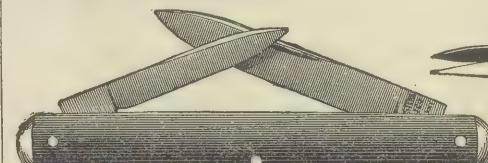
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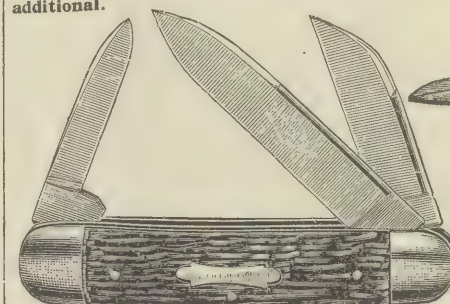


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The Christmas Dinner.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Thanksgiving, in some households, is the occasion for a board groaning beneath the richest viands, but the judicious housekeeper reserves the fruit cakes and mince pies for Christmas. Plum pudding seems, in all cases, to be the dessert for Christmas alone.

Mince Pies come before dessert, therefore are the first to be considered. The preparation of mince meat is intricate, and as a general thing expensive. My own experience is, that the mince meat of commerce is better, and more economical, on the whole, than the home-made. However, one pound of the purchased mince can be increased to two pounds, and gain in quality by the increase. The spices and meat are generous in the manufactured product, but apple butter, made by the usual formula, omitting spice, can be added, mixed thoroughly through the mince meat. Any kind of nut meats on hand, preferably pecan meats, can be chopped and added, and an indescribable flavor can be imparted by raspberry jam. This latter hint I learned from an old English book on cookery. The process is to moisten raspberry jam with hot water and strain out the seeds, pressing all the good substance through the sieve, and stirring it through and through the mince meat. Or, after the pies are made, strain the jam over the mince meat, before the top crust is put on. I omit the old custom of spiritous seasoning.

Mince pies must be made and set away to get cold. Hot and cold pies are different propositions. Have the pans lined with thin pastry, set them in the oven a few minutes to partly bake, fill with mince, cover with a thin upper crust, crimp the edges, and prick the crust with a fork here and about. Bake a light brown. This way of partially baking pastry, before the filling is put in, insures a well done, dry, bottom crust. It is better to remove the pies from the pans, and set each one on a plate, as tin "sweats" in the process of the pastry losing heat, and makes the soggy bottom crust, not uncommon.

Fruit Cake.—The best formula is to make a good cake by a reliable recipe, and add fruits according to taste. The old "pound for pound" of fruits and cake batter, need not be adhered to, but the eye of experience be relied upon. It is easy enough to judge when the batter is rich and heavy enough with fruit. The following is a recipe never known to fail. It makes a fine loaf cake, a layer, or a rich fruit cake: five cups of flour; three cups of sugar; one cup of butter; one cup of sweet milk; five eggs and one rounded teaspoonful of baking

powder. Sift the flour and baking powder together twice; cream the sugar and butter together, beating in the yolks of eggs, one at a time; whip the whites to a froth and add them the last of all the ingredients. If the cake is to be kept any length of time use water instead of milk. Add seeded and chopped raisins; washed and dried currants; shaved and chopped citron, and nutmeg and spice to taste. Allow more raisins than currants and less of citron, to the cake batter. The same cup cake can be made into a nut and citron cake adding pecan meats chopped; almonds, blanched and chopped; and citron shaved in thin transparent strips, laid crosswise in the batter, as it goes into the cake pan. Every slice made in the cake will then cut the citron. Too many kinds of fruit, too great a variety in one cake is to be avoided. A white fruit cake can be made of half the quantity given here, using the five whites, and mixing in the batter grated cocoanut, blanched and chopped almonds, flavoring with rose water, or lemon as preferred.

One well proportioned batter can be modified into several elegant cakes. Layer cakes are the easiest to bake and to make in variety. A very nice fruit cake and one that makes a dainty appearance when sliced, is fruit cake batter and silver cake batter, baked in layer tins and put together in alternate layers, with icing.

Plum Pudding can be made of this same fruit-cake batter. Fill a tin pudding mold two-thirds full, cover closely, and set in an outer vessel of boiling water, and keep the water boiling for four hours. This makes an elegant pudding and no suet is needed.

Hard Sauce for plum pudding is made by whipping butter and sugar to a cream. Add the sugar by spoonfuls, beating steadily until the butter is stiff with it, and will take up no more. Flavor with lemon and grate nutmeg over the top. Press through the rose-shaped tube of the pastry bag, on a fancy dish. This process oxygenizes the butter and makes it more wholesome than when drawn.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

Christmas Letters.

(Written for Vick's Family Magazine.)

Within the past few days while sorting a box of old letters I came across one from my father and the younger brother and sisters still at home, written in response to my letter and Christmas package the first Christmas I had spent away from them all. My father said among other things, that my "letter was his best Christmas gift." I have, of course, forgotten now what I wrote and am sure it was only an unprepared home letter to those dear ones whom I missed and who I knew, missed me, such a letter as we might write oftener if we would. I mention it merely to show that no matter how little or much we may be

able to do in the way of presents, we may give of our heart's best in this way and often bestow deeper joy than costly gifts could do.

A dear little Iowa girl who was but just beginning to learn to write and one pair of whose grandparents lived in California, the other in Minnesota, practiced faithfully for several weeks with her aunty's help and encouragement and the promise of twelve cents when both the letters were finished satisfactorily. She finally completed two presentable copies of the following, properly dated:

"I wish you a Merry Christmas, dear grandpa and grandma.

Your loving

Gertrude T.—.

Aunty gave me six cents to write this letter."

The postscript was her own idea as well as the division of the twelve cents between the two letters. I do not attempt to compute the value of this childish offering in the Christmas cheer which fell to the portion of these distant grandparents.

I have a cousin in straitened circumstances who lives some distance from us all, and who has little time or money for Christmas presents, but she has the true spirit and at Christmas time always writes us each a good letter—simple, plain and genuine, like herself—enclosing at times a handkerchief or booklet, a card or a bit of ribbon or sending it on its way freighted only with the love that prompts the writing. Think you it could be spared from our Christmas without being missed?

A friend of mine some thirty years ago, and three other school-girl friends made a compact as they parted at commencement time, that once a year at Christmas they would all exchange letters and each send the others some trifling gift, so small in money value as never to prove burdensome whatever their future circumstances might be. And they have kept their promise and four Christmas letters are among the pleasures of the Christmas time in four happy homes to this day. *Gazelle Stevens Sharp.*

The First Snow,

The snow had begun in the gloaming,
And busily all the night,
Had been heaping field and highway
With a silence deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock
Wore ermine too dear for an earl,
"And the poorest twig on the elm tree
Was ridged inch deep with pearl."

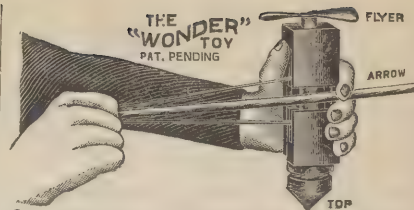
From sheds new-roofed with Carrara
Came chanticleer's muffled crow,
The stiff rails softened to swan's-down,
And still fluttered down the snow.

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Mother's Scrap Book.

Sore throats should always be closely watched. Mere tonsillitis in one child can cause diphtheria in another. Allow no exchanges of partly chewed gum! (filthy trick!) and never encourage over familiarity and kissing among acquaintances of your children:

Wide and various are the treatments for diphtheria and sore throat. The pure bred disease can kill in twenty-four hours. Kerosene is often used mixed with sweet or olive oil and applied, with thorough but gentle rubbing, to skin of neck. Some have even swabbed sore spots on the tonsils with clear kerosene. Sulphur burned on hot coals and the fumes inhaled, and a swab or gargle of sulphur besides, is a very good remedy. After using sulphur always beware of catching cold.

In home treatment with homeopathic remedies named before, I have had great success and quick recovery with Nos. 34 and 1. As it leaves blood much poisoned, an after course of Red Clover Tea is very wise, and remember one needs to be quiet for a long time after having diphtheria. In diet avoid all meat, but for strength afterward nothing excels Bovinine in Grape Juice.

Poultices of pokeroor (the fresh root pounded and mixed with hot flaxseed or cornmeal is best, though the fluid extract can be used), are commended for bad cases of croup of diphtheretic sort. To inhale steam from a pitcher of boiling saleratus water is very good when abscess threatens.

A cold compress is the quickest real aid in ordinary croup. It has helped also after failure with hot fomentations, baths, teas, ipecac, etc. A hot foot bath is always good. To use cold compresses have a square of old flannel wet in cold water and lightly wrung. Over this wind a piece of cloth, flannel preferred, round the neck. Renew when warm. Two or three usually end trouble. Some children inherit the predisposition to croup, also to asthma. These, though healthy enough and despite good diet, etc., seem doomed to frequent attacks when damp raw winds prevail, and they should not be out after dark. They seem to outgrow it in time. It is wise to give such a footbath, light supper, and rub well whole neck and chest with warm oil or lard with a few drops of turpentine. If a fresh cold seems likely this will nicely nip it off, especially if a dose of rhubarb be given to move bowels by morning and a parting "good night tea" drunk hot, of sage and peppermint, or of lemon.

Prevention is always safest. Colds are the beginning of too many serious diseases, especially where the bowels are neglected and diet is heavy.

Victoria Wellman.

Daddy Pelton's Sleigh.

By Anthony Dorn.

(A Prize Poem in our late Contest.)

Just a rough old-fashioned jumper,
Daddy built out in the shed,
But I tell you 'twas a "humper,"—
That's what everybody said.
Reckon Nancy, Dick and Billy
Never felt so blithe and gay
As when Daddy's brown mare Filly
Trotted off with that old sleigh.

Ah, full well can I remember,
Though long years have winged their flight,
Many an evening in December,
When the stars were shining bright,
Through the forest, dell and dingle,
O'er the hills and far away,
How old Filly's bells would jingle
As she drew us in the sleigh.

Gone are Daddy and old Filly,
Gone too is the dear old sled,
Many a year has passed since Billy
In a foreign land was dead.
Yet again I live in fancy,
O'er that long forgotten day,
Dreaming here with my sweet Nancy
Of old Daddy Pelton's sleigh.

Sweetheart mine, Old Time is flying
Swift and swifter on his way:
From your cheeks are slowly dying
All the roses of life's May.
But through all the World's wild weather,
Still to me you're fair as day,
Just as when we rode together
Long ago in Daddy's sleigh.

At Christmas Time.

If you were a little Belgium girl or boy, you would fill your shoes with beans and carrots, and set them in the chimney place, for the good Saint's horse. In the morning your carrots and beans would be gone, (of course that horse ate them) and in their place would be sweetmeats.

If you lived in Italy you would go to the church to see the Bambino, or image of the Christ-child, who is supposed to give the presents.

If you were a little Spaniard you would hide your shoes or slippers in the bushes on Christmas Eve, and find them filled with fruit and sugar plums in the morning.

In Bohemia you would watch and listen for the chariot and the white horse of the Christ-child who comes flying through the air with his Krippe full of gifts.

If you were a French child, you would find gifts in your shoe if you were good. But, if you had been naughty, Noel, who brings the Christmas gifts, would leave instead, a whip in your shoe.

If you lived in Norway or Sweden, you would set in the window a candle to guide Kristine, who brings the gifts. And all the shoes, nicely polished, would be set in a row before the hearthstone, to show that all would be peaceful in the family during the coming year. The Bible would be read in every house, at eve, during the Yulefest, or Yule-peace, as Christmastide is called. And you would spend much time skating and sledging.—Normal Instructor.

A Winter Morn.

A winter morn: The snow lies white—
Earth's garment, woven in the night.
Above the purple wooded hills
The sun steals up and softly spills
Adown the vale his golden light

Like phantoms of the azure height
Faint cloud-forms in their filmy flight
Seem gazing on the grace that fills
A winter morn.

Athwart the land in vesture bright
The river seeks its course to write.
Hushed are the brooks whose vernal trills
Shall wake the golden daffodils
To happy fields that now invite
A winter morn.

Nixon Waterman.

"What great misfortune had John Milton?" asked a teacher, looking rather severely over his class "Please sir, I know!" piped up Johnnie at the end of the row. "Well, Johnnie, you may tell us." "He was a poet!" quoth Johnnie sagaciously.

He is happy whose circumstances suit his temper; but he is more excellent who can suit his temper to any circumstances.—Hume.

Never Mind.

Never mind the frozen sky—
Sleet that comes a-pelting;
Shall the weather make you sigh?
Ain't the blizzards blowin' by?
Hooray for the Fo'th July
When we'll all be meltin'!

F. L. Stanton

The Snowbirds.

In the rosy light trills the gay swallow.
The thrush in the roses below.
The meadow-lark sings in the meadow.
But the snowbird sings in the snow;
Ah, me! Chickadee!
The snowbird sings in the snow.

The blue marten trills in the gable,
The wren in the ground below.
In the elm chatters the blue-jay,
But the snowbird sings in the snow;
Ah, me! Chickadee!
The snowbird sings in the snow.

High wheels the grey wing of the osprey;
The wing of the sparrow drops low;
In the midst dips the wing of the robin.
And the snowbird's wing in the snow.
Ah, me! Chickadee!
The snowbird sings in the snow.

I love the high heart of the osprey;
The meek heart of the thrush below,
The heart of the lark in the meadow,
And the snowbird's heart in the snow.
But dearer to me, Chickadee!
Is that true little heart in the snow.

Hesekiah Butterworth.

Give pleasure. Lose no chance of giving pleasure.—Henry Drummond.

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The Lost Pocket Book.

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About nine o'clock a city delivery wagon stopped at the door, and she stood with gaping eyes and arms akimbo, as package after package was brought into the house.

"You done made a mistake," she said.

"No, he didn't," said Pete. And then he showed the directions on the packages.

"I guess your fadder done had a streak a luck" she said.

It surely would have been "a streak of luck" if he had been able to buy all those things, as he was cutting wood in the country and could earn but little more than his board.

"But why in de world didn't Old Santa get some clothes 'stead of so much truck. Look at yer shoes, Pete. And yer dress, Liza Jane."

Pete looked down at his shoes, three sizes too big for him, and saw his little black toes sticking out. And Liza Jane's dress was decidedly the worse for wear. They had not thought of clothing. Liza Jane whispered to Pete, "Tomorrow we'll go down and buy jest ebbery ting."

When the father of the family came home he was met at the door by the excited children, and the odors of a dinner greeted his nostrils, such as had never before been cooked in the Smith domicile. He disclaimed all knowledge of any "streak of luck," so it was still a mystery where the things came from.

The dinner was eaten and the children stuffed so full they could not eat another mouthful. They played with their toys awhile, and finally, getting tired out with excitement, and a little inclined to be cross, Pete said, "Where's dat Noah's ark, Liza Jane? I done bought it." Then realizing what he had done, he looked at his mother to see if she had noticed.

"What's dat, Peter Smif," said she. "You done bought dese things? Where you git dat money?"

Peter whimpered, "We dun found it."

"Where, when?"

Then the whole story came out.

"Bring me dat pocket-book dis instinct," said she. Then as she opened it—"Dis belongs to Mrs. Hale."

"Oh, you wicked, wicked, nigger younguns," she said, "dat's stealin, diñ't you know it? I'll take dat pocket-book home dis blessed moment. I can't pay back dat money, but I'll wash it out. It'll take me a long, long time to do that. Oh, you'll sure go to prison, and when you die you gwine to burn up into hell-fire. How dar you? Aint I done sent you to Sunday school ebbery time you had anything to wear, and now you jes little tiefs! You nebberr mind, when I git back I paddle you wid dat boahd. Now I gwine to 'fess to Mrs. Hale."

She put on her hat and shawl and with tears streaming down her black cheeks, started for the home of Mrs. Hale.

The children's eyes were rolling in astonishment. They did not know they had done anything wicked. Now to see their mother's grief, and that she thought them thieves seemed strange to them.

"Do we go to hell-fire fo suah?" said Pete?

"Don't blieve there is none," said Liza Jane.

"Wished we'd got the clothes. Mammy might a washed it all out while she's 'bout it."

That was the way they looked at it and were as happy as two little colored children could be. Only once in a while they worried about that board, but they did not dwell on that long. Poor Mrs. Smith was a pitiful sight when she appeared before Mrs. Hale and told her of her children's "desperit wickedness." "You can send them to prison, if you want to," said she, "but

they's so little. I have taught 'em to pray, and I didn't tink dey'd steal."

Mrs. Hale heard her through kindly. "I do not think they meant to steal," said she; "I am sure that you are a good woman and they will grow up good children. You must not be discouraged. I doubt if many of the presents I have made this Christmas have given as much real enjoyment as you and your family have received from the money the children used, so just accept it as a Christmas gift. You need not 'wash it out' at all."

"Oh, ma'am, how good you is!" said Mrs. Smith, and in her heart she resolved to do Mrs. Hale's clothes up as nicely as she could.

"Do you really think," said she "dat dem younguns will be sated?"

Mrs. Hale turned away to hide a smile. "Yes, I do," said she. "Just tell them the 'rights' of finding a piece of property, and I think they will do right next time."

Cheered and comforted, Mrs. Smith went home, and the children thought she had forgotten all about the board.

They did not want to "tote the washins" to Mrs. Hale's, they were afraid of her. But their mother made them go, and as Mrs. Hale smiled at them and did not say a word about the pocket-book, and they thought their mother was "washing it out," they finally "toted the washin" cheerfully, and gradually forgot their fear of the prison and the threatened hell-fire.

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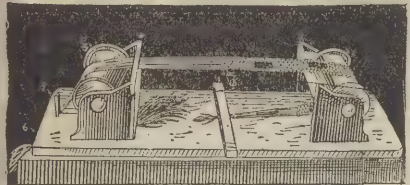
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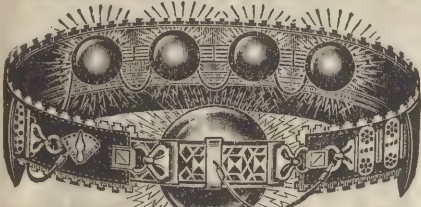
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INDIAN BEADWORK.

Bead work is probably the most ancient of all forms of fancy work. Egyptian maids adorned themselves with necklaces and bracelets and amulets long before lace was known, or embroidery frames invented. The Mound Builders have left traces of crude bead weaving in their prehistoric burial places, and long before the days of Columbus the American Indians were expert bead workers. Peace belts and tribe totems were woven. The Western Indians were most bountifully supplied by nature with the materials for bead work, and in the forsaken Pueblos of the Zunis and South Western cliff-dwellers, beads of rough turquoise, ruby and opal are sometimes found. To this day the Apaches dress themselves in bead necklaces and belts, and it is from the Apaches that the modern bead weaving fad has come.

The Apache woman has a crude and clumsy loom to work with, but the loom provided for the fashionable bead worker is a light and dainty instrument, so simple to use that any kindergarten child can operate it. It is small enough to be sent by mail, yet it is durable, and it is to be had at so low a cost that mothers buy it as a rainy day toy. Bead weaving, unlike lace work and embroidery, requires absolutely no instruction, and no practice. The beginner can at once turn out work equal to the best that comes from the Apaches, and when one considers the large prices obtained for bead work, the little loom offers an easy and pleasant means of making something more than pin money.

Besides the loom, the only materials required

it so remunerative that she has decided to give her whole time to it. The set which delighted the English lady so much, was made of white beads, with a Greek key pattern in turquoise blue. The price paid for it was \$20, and the profit to the young weaver was something like five hundred per cent.

A chain five beads wide, long enough to go twice about the neck, and hang to the belt, is made of red and blue beads, and sells for ten dollars.

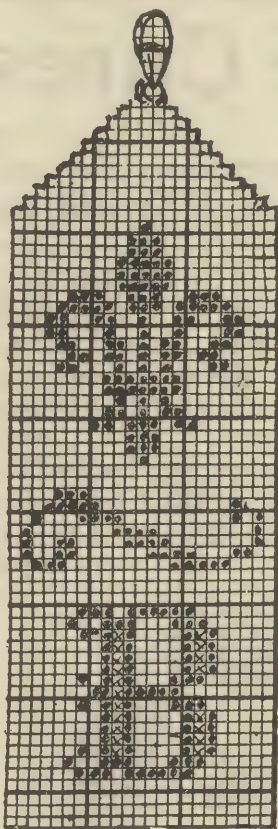
One of the best dressed women at Saratoga recently appeared in a white pongee coat, trimmed with long stole ends and cuffs of woven beads, made by the same young girl. The colors were red and white, and the design a series of scrolls.

Bead work offers a happy answer to the vexing question, "What shall I give for Christmas presents?" Any woman would be pleased with a belt, and any young girl delighted with a stock to give a finishing touch of daintiness to an evening waist. For a man, there are slender watch chains, and the fobs which are just now more fashionable than the chains. One especially desirable design for a watch fob is of black beads, with a fleur-de-lis, a scroll, and an initial in red. It is finished with a fringe of red and black beads strung on the warp threads. Another fob shows masonic emblem in dull green on a dull red ground.

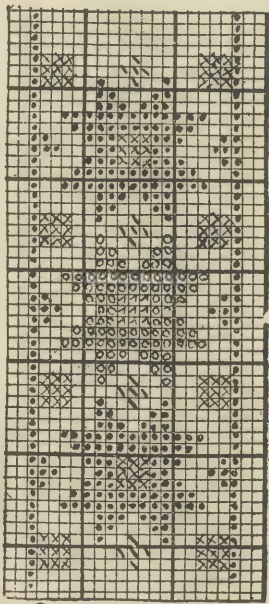
As trimming for an evening waist, strips of white and green beads are shown woven in a simple but strikingly effective design. See design No. 2.

For a belt nothing could be prettier than Design 3. The colors used are chalk white, dark olive, light olive, bottle green, turquoise and dark blue. Each pattern is distinctly marked with colors to be used.

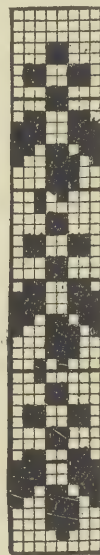
The loom is fitted for any design up to four inches in width. For larger pieces, such as opera glass bags, the beads are woven in strips, and fastened together with rows of larger beads. As a four inch design requires forty or more beads



Design No. 1.



Design No. 3.



Design No. 2.

for bead weaving are the beads, some fine but stout thread and a long needle of an unusual length of eye. To make a strip of work, first count the number of threads in the desired design. If the design is six beads wide, cut seven threads, knot them about the pin on the spool of the loom, pass them across the two grooved boards and secure them to the pin at the other end of the loom. These are the warp threads. Then thread the needle with a thread twelve inches longer than the warp, tie it to the left hand warp thread, and thread on six beads. Press the beads up between the warp threads, and between each warp thread pass the needle again through each bead, being sure that it passes above the warp, then back again under the warp. Thread enough beads for another row across the design, and proceed as before. That is absolutely all there is to bead weaving. It is as easy as cross stitch work, infinitely more simple than the easiest crochet stitch. It is very fast work, and a piece may be finished in one day.

The uses to which bead work is put are almost innumerable. Necklaces, purses, belts, stocks, fobs and passementerie trimming are some of the forms in which woven beads appear. One of Sir Thomas Lipton's English guests carried home with her a set of stock, belt and sleeve bands, made by a young girl who took up bead weaving as a pastime a few months ago, and has found

of the usual size for one row across it, some idea may be gained of the possibilities of the loom.

Bead workers find no difficulty in disposing of their work, and as the fad is as yet scarcely known outside the large cities, the first persons to make bead work in any town are sure to reap rich harvest. As no fob or belt sells for less than \$3, the sale of one piece of work will more than pay for the loom and the working materials.

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For the next few years bead weaving will grow in popularity, and it promises to supersede all other forms of fancy work, as it is easy to learn, and may be kept on hand as "pick-up" work. The beads do not lose color, and the weaver does not require practice to gain skill, as the process is almost wholly mechanical. Nobody who has ever tried bead weaving has failed to become fascinated with it, and either as a toy for children, or as a source of income for women, the Apache loom is welcome everywhere.



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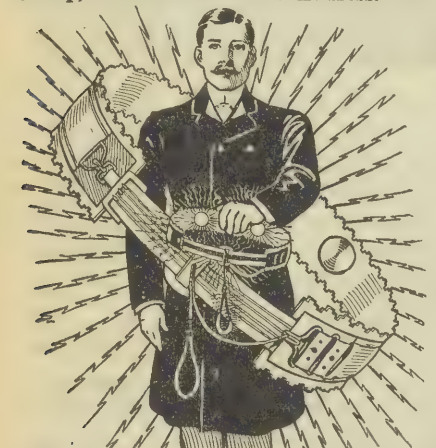
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Talks About Flowers.

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Flowers at Christmas.

If you have managed properly during the summer and fall, you ought to have several plants in bloom this month; and the different primroses, geraniums, and bulbs will add no little share to the attractiveness of the happy holiday season. Roman hyacinths, Chinese lilies, and similar bulbous plants will be coming into bloom, or nearly so; and in order to get the most enjoyment out of them, give them away. Not all, of course, but enough to satisfy your conscience. Flowers are missionaries and do a great deal of good. If there are sermons in stones, what might not one hope to find in a beautiful, well-grown hyacinth? While the glad Christmas bells are ringing their wondrous story, so old yet ever new, let the little hyacinth bells whisper their message of sweetness and goodness into the ears of those who are waiting to receive it.

At few other seasons are people's hearts more susceptible to good influences; and, since it is time that one-half of the world tried to reform the other half, is it not the duty of every plant lover to help spread the gospel of flowers? There are many, many people who possess an ardent love for the beautiful who never have the time, opportunity, or money to cultivate plants. Is it not a good idea for those of us who grow bulbs, etc., by the dozen to share our blessings? There are many bad people who could be helped by the sweetness of a primrose or cineraria; there are many good people who would be better if they only had the helpful influence of flowers.

In cities, especially, are plants in bloom capable of doing a great deal of good. From the large, cheerless hospital to the tiny, more cheerless tenement room, flowers can exert their soothing influence. Would not some hopeless shut-in thank you from the bottom of her heart and have a few of her blue days made brighter because of a little gift from you? It is a shame to let so many people go comfortless at this season when a little pleasant trouble on our part would help matters so much. Everyone can find an opportunity if he hunts for it. Sometimes such bulbs as hyacinths are more acceptable when presented in bloom, and sometimes not. Use judgment as to this. Often the weather has much to do.

When the recipient has the pleasure of potting and caring for them, himself, he generally gets more enjoyment out of the bulbs than otherwise. But at this season of the year, especially in cities, bulb planting cannot be carried on very extensively on account of the condition of the soil. However, where there's a will there's a way; and really fine hyacinths can often be got at a bargain along about Christmas time.

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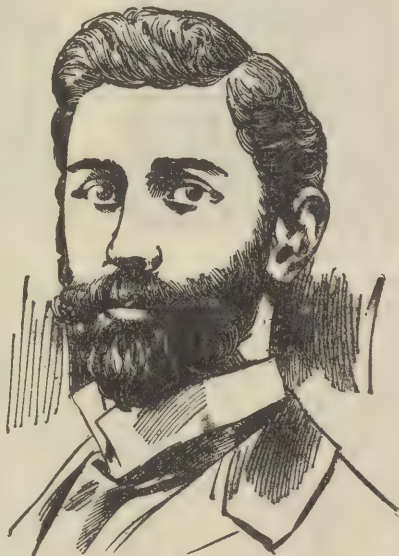
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Through Fields and Woodlands.

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We have said nothing so far about the bird's nests which are revealed by the fall of the leaves, and which look like little pockets, the snow draping them like a lace handkerchief. Just outside my window is the nest of a summer yellow-bird. I was on intimate terms with the family all summer, saw the nest built, watched the young fed and taught while the father and mother flitted in and out like yellow flowers, ever busy and cheerful. Four little birds were brought out of the nest, and as I look at it now, even though snow fills it, my mind pictures the yellow birds I grew to know so well, I hear their song, and winter does not seem so dreary, nor the summer so far away.

Bulbs for Late Planting.

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results. The single white is my favorite, but the single pink and blue are both pretty but a little later.

Next on my list for late planting is the Narcissus, especially the Polyanthus varieties. The Chinese Sacred Lily is, perhaps, the most familiar. It is an exceedingly pretty plant during the whole time of growth. Its culture is of the simplest; one may plant it in soil or water. The Chinese always plant it in water putting a few stones or shells in a dish and placing the bulbs on them, then fill with water until the base of the bulb is surrounded. They commence growing at once, and in three or four weeks will be in full bloom.

The Paper-white Narcissus is a grand bulb and may be planted as late as January and still be a success. These bulbs are very inexpensive, too, which is another point in their favor. Plant one bulb in a four inch pot, place it in a cool, dark place for a few weeks, so that the roots will fill the dish, then bring to the light, but do not expose to the full sunshine at first. I feel sure that no one will be disappointed with this bulb.

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forcing The flowers are large, the perianth sulphur color, with a rich yellow trumpet. This variety is largely used by florists for winter blooming. Of the double Narcissus, the only varieties I have tried for winter blooming are Incomparable fl. pl. and Von Sion. I was successful with both of these; doubtless other varieties are fully as good, but I have noted only such as I have grown myself and started at or after Christmas. There is nothing that will quite take the place of bulbs, so pot as many as you can afford to, and the realization will equal the anticipation.

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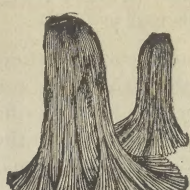
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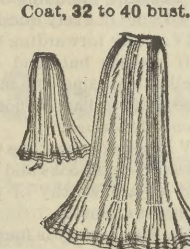
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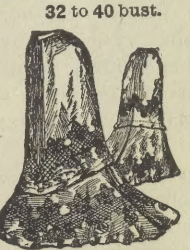
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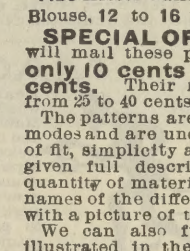
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THE MOTHERS MEETING.

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As I gazed upon her pictured face I grew dissatisfied because the ideal Madonna is ever shown so calmly beautiful. By chance an illustration in a magazine caught my eye. To me it was truly beautiful; for the mother's face was not glowing with healthy youth but worn as of one bearing a load of cares, of body so frail that the soul shone through. Not love alone but devotion which would sacrifice all in time of need nor dream of selfish gain. The chubby child was heavy for her bending form; an inner radiance seemed to beautify a face otherwise left plain by wearing sorrow.

Could that younger mother guess the load under which so many wives stagger, not always bravely nor dumbly because life agonizes them to outcries, not admired nor shielded nor helped in these lonely, painful months before the little child brings it own comfort. The graver and wiser mother, surely she would sympathize with others, would love other children who needed love, would endure, forgive, advise, assist. In all good mothers' faces there often shines the look of the beautiful, youthful ideal of the artists. Motherhood may consume grace but adds a beauty of expression which charms any man worthy the honor of fatherhood.

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Those who missed seeing last month's notice concerning the Traveling Library may read about it now.

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